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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 1st, 2005. The Examiner is advised that a Petition for a 3 month extension, with a fee based on small entity, accompanies this response.

A Request for Continued Examination is also being filed.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

Claims 19-36 are pending in the application. No claim amendments are being made in this response.

The Examiner's Findings are traversed. In the remarks below, Applicant sets out the differences between the present invention and the cited prior art references replied upon by the Examiner in rejecting the claims.

From the discussion below, it will be apparent that the claimed invention recites several elements in a unique and hitherto unknown combination, to define a stethoscope with specialized functions neither taught nor suggested by the prior art relied upon.

Applicant herein presents that Claims are distinctly different from the cited prior art. This applies to both Independent Claims and Dependent Claims, and therefore all Claims as submitted should be allowable in their present form, over the prior art.